

The Cucumber Season.

The cucumber season is with us, and we wish to warn our readers against partaking too freely of this succulent cholera producer. If any are skeptical as to the evil results of this sort of indiscretion, we would ask them to turn to the editorial page of last week's Courier. Our contemporary should soak its cucumbers in brine before eating them. A more excruciating case of "belly-ache" it was never our lot to behold. It frothed at the mouth in a manner truly alarming, even for that frothy journal.

Frequently the Courier has devised schemes to attract foreign capital into Paw Paw for profitable investment. Indeed, it was for some time anxious to get some kind of capital, whether foreign or domestic was immaterial, interested in itself on almost any terms. Some two years and a half ago several thousand dollars of Kalamazoo capital was invested in the NORTHERNER, and the Courier has since howled itself seriously hoarse because such foreign capital is here invested and in competition with the Courier. There is no secret whatever about the investment. Messrs. J. W. Osborn, A. J. Mills and S. F. Master of Kalamazoo each own a number of shares of stock in the True Northern Publishing Co. They are most estimable gentlemen, but not any one of them nor all of them together own sufficient stock in the establishment to control it, and our contemporary deliberately misrepresents the facts to deceive the public when it speaks of them as owners of the concern. The NORTHERNER pays nearly four and a half times the amount of taxes that the Courier does; the NORTHERNER pays easily three times the amount in wages that the Courier does, which money goes to the counters of our merchants. Which institution is the most benefit to Paw Paw?

Whenever the NORTHERNER has had occasion to criticize its neighbor across the way, it has always tried to do so in a gentlemanly manner. But our neighbor does not take to criticism kindly, nor does it reply in kind. On the contrary, it resorts to insinuations and untruths, directing a liberal share of personal innuendos against the "ostensible" editor of this journal, who also happens to be the "ostensible" manager and who has absolute control of both the editorial and business policy of the NORTHERNER. The NORTHERNER editor is used to having Van Buren county newspaper men ride upon his neck. The only faults they find are that his newspaper experience has not been limited to a few weeks in a country office, nor indeed to any one office nor to country journalism, and that he is fortunate enough to have a father. If it is any crime for a young man to do something for himself in a business way before his father is in his grave; if it is any detriment to a man to have had a more or less varied experience in his chosen profession, we have nothing to say; but if good newspaper work consists of scurrilous personality, our experience has been in vain. In any event we shall pay no further attention to the Courier until it shall climb from its level of innuendo to the higher plane of argument.

In a memorial address delivered at the agricultural college, Judge Van Zile severely criticized the university of Michigan for permitting the base ball team to desecrate Memorial Day by playing a game of ball at Detroit. The judge is right about the matter. A day that is set apart and devoted to the memory of our departed heroes ought not to be turned into a day of frivolity and trivial amusement. The same thing was done in different places in our own county, and it was no credit to those who engaged in such amusement nor to the people who patronized the games. The day is properly a "festival of the dead" and as such it should be held sacred.

FREE silver democrats should begin to prepare to "hedge" on their position, as they may have to support Hill for the presidency in '96, and he has expressed himself as opposed to any further purchase or coinage of silver by the United States independent of the other great commercial nations.

BUTTON INDUSTRY INJURED.

Business Created by McKinley Protection Suffers Under the Wilson Bill.

It will be remembered how vigorous was the opposition to the protective tariff upon buttons that was proposed and established under the McKinley tariff. This duty was 2 1/2 cents per line, button measure, and 25 per cent ad valorem. The protection thus afforded succeeded in building up the button manufacturing industry in the United States at several points and correspondingly prohibited the importation of foreign made buttons—buttons which, by the way, are mostly turned out by the convict labor of Europe, and which would not be admitted into the United States if the provisions of the tariff were strictly carried out.

The tariff reformers and free traders reduced the duty on pearl and shell buttons from the McKinley rate of 2 1/2 cents per line down to 1 cent per line, and from 25 per cent ad valorem down to 15 per cent ad valorem. The result of the reduction is shown as follows:

IMPORTS OF BUTTONS AND BUTTON FORMS.		
Sept. 1 to March 1.		
1894-5.	1893-4.	Increase.
Gorman.	McKinley.	Gorman.
\$994,062	\$190,000	\$444,073

Under the McKinley tariff from Sept. 1, 1893, to March 1, 1894, a period of six months, our imports of buttons and button forms were worth \$160,609. During the corresponding six months a year later, under the Gorman tariff, our imports of buttons and button forms reached \$604,682, the increase for the half year in this one article of consumption exceeding \$444,000, or at the rate of \$888,000 a year.

The American button factories are being deprived of the manufacture and the sale of this amount of goods; the American wage earners are being prevented from earning wages that would have enabled them to help in making this amount of goods; the convicts in Europe have been correspondingly more busy; the prisons in Europe have been made correspondingly more self supporting, and the foreign dealers have been enabled to increase their profits correspondingly.

American people at the 25 per cent rate of duty contributed \$40,000 to the revenue under the McKinley importations, but they have been forced to pay \$90,000 on the 15 per cent rate for half a year only, an increase at the rate of \$100,000 a year, showing that "the tariff is a tax" when fooled with by free traders.



THE WAY OUT



IS ALSO THE WAY IN.

Careful Comparisons.

The New York Tribune notes that the imports of woollens, cottons, silks, linens and other flax and hemp goods for the seven months of 1894-5 under new duties compare with the imports for the same months in 1893-4 under old duties as follows, warehouse charges being here neglected:

Imports, seven months.		Increase	
	1894-5.	Per cent.	
Woolens.....	\$21,347,400	\$8,927,332	139.1
Cottons.....	21,065,575	12,881,555	68.2
Silks.....	19,817,929	12,870,732	53.9
Flax and hemp goods	15,777,580	9,957,315	58.4
Totals.....	\$78,008,793	\$44,644,005	76.2

"Felicitate" Why, Certainly.

The country may felicitate itself on the fact that its imports were \$4,419,500 in excess of its exports.—New York Herald.

If our imports were that much in excess of our exports, it would mean that we should have to pay out the \$4,419,500 in money or its equivalent over and above what we received. Let us imagine Mr. James Gordon Bennett having to pay out in a month or a year that amount of money more than his paper earned for him. How Mr. Bennett would "felicitate" himself, to be sure!

Some Good Advice.

We ought to realize by this time that we should not do our work nor make our loans in Europe. Let us place what options we have with our own capitalists and our orders with our own manufacturers, who in the past have been always abundantly able to meet every need and demand of the government and of the people.—Governor William McKinley.

Free Trade and Finance.

The treasury statement of the public debt for the month of April shows an increase of \$2,349,950 in the interest bearing debt and a decrease of \$7,099,345 in the cash balance in the treasury. These are free trade times.

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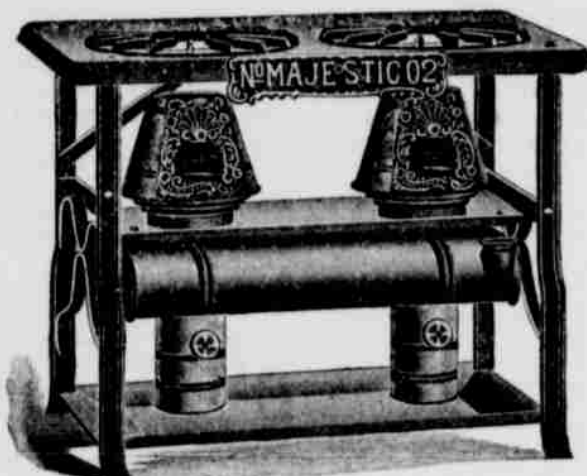
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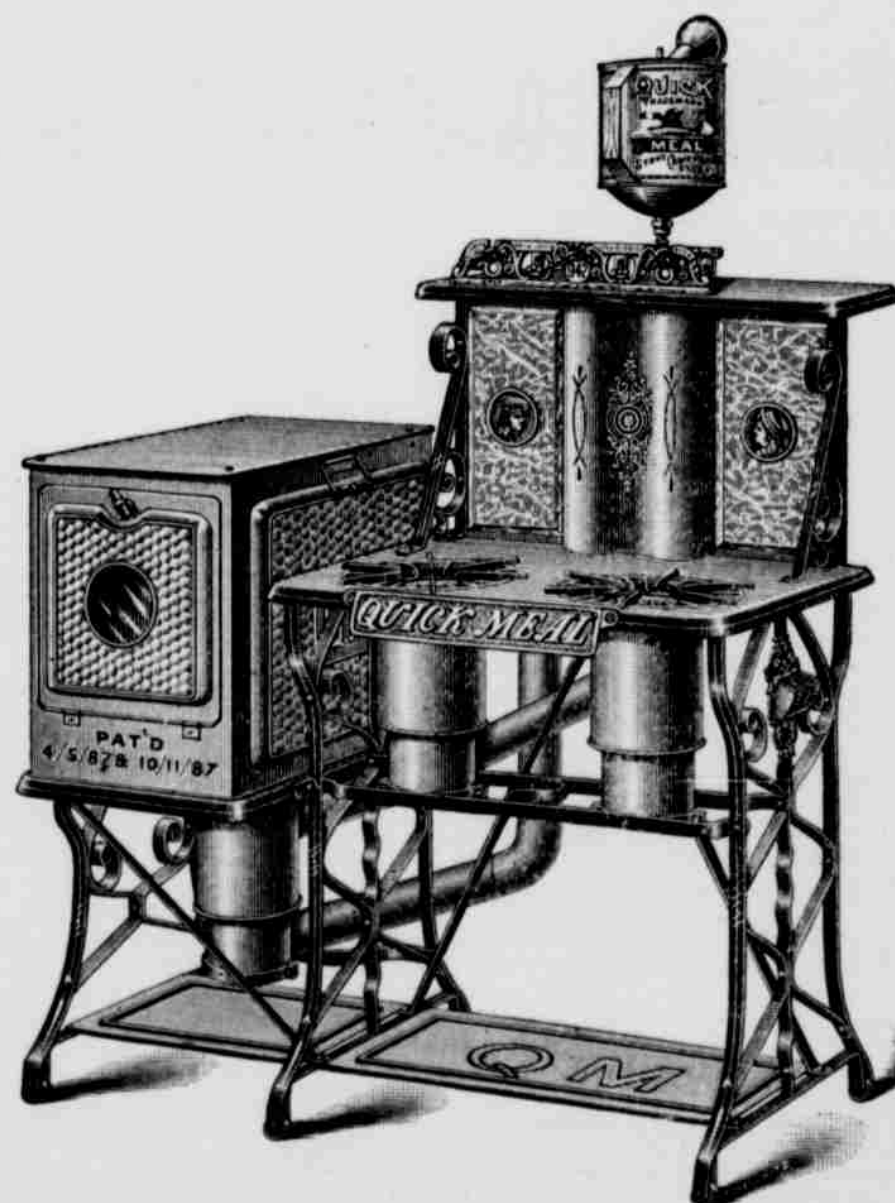
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